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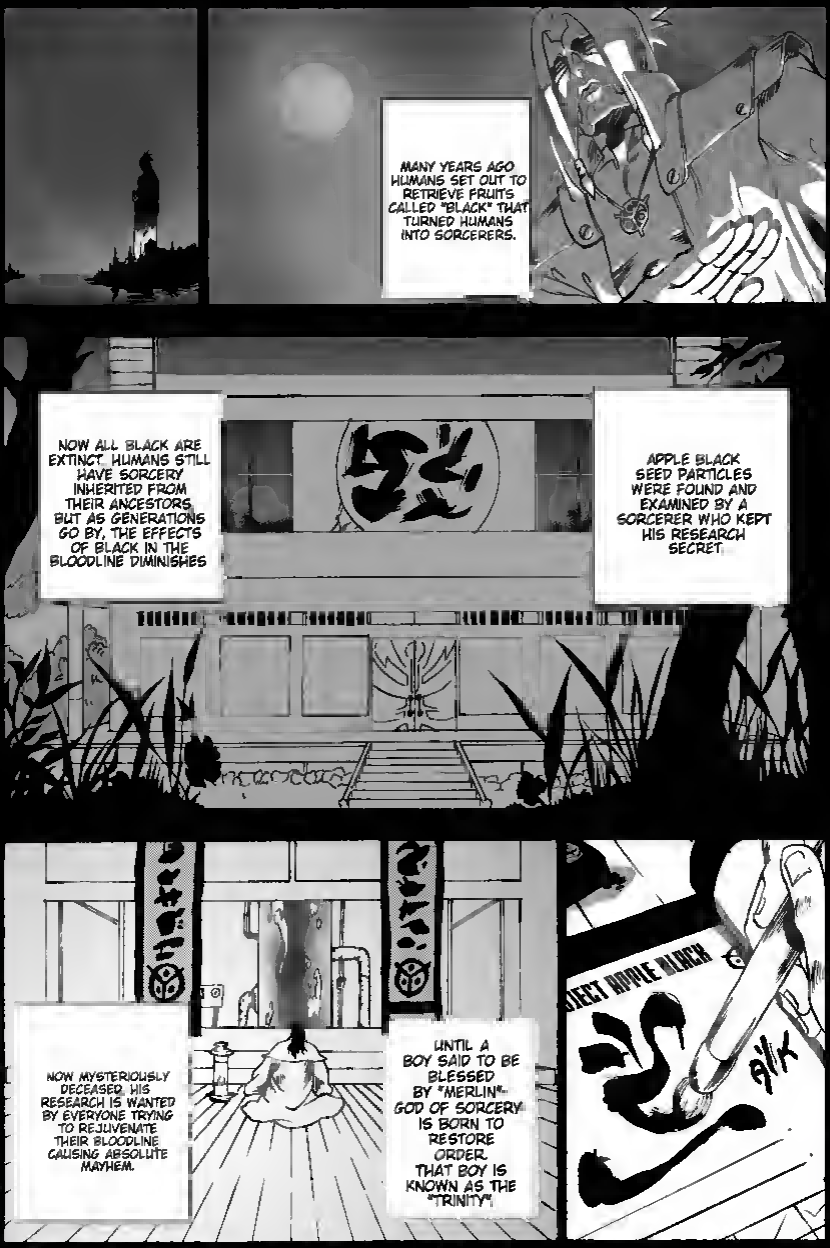
MANY YEARS AGO HUMANS SET OUT TO RETRIEVE FRUITS CALLED "BLACK" THAT TURNED HUMANS INTO SORCERERS.
NOW ALL BLACK ARE EXTINCT. HUMANS STILL HAVE SORCERY INHERITED FROM THEIR ANCESTORS, BUT AS GENERATIONS GO BY, THE EFFECTS OF BLACK IN THE BLOODLINE DIMINISHES.
APPLE BLACK SEED PARTICLES WERE FOUND AND EXAMINED BY A SORCERER WHO KEPT HIS RESEARCH SECRET.
NOW MYSTERIOUSLY DECEASED, HIS RESEARCH IS WANTED BY EVERYONE TRYING TO REJUVENATE THEIR BLOODLINE, CAUSING ABSOLUTE MAYHEM.
UNTIL A BOY SAID TO BE BLESSED BY "MERLIN"- GOD OF SORCERY IS BORN TO RESTORE ORDER. THAT BOY IS KNOWN AS THE "TRINITY".
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STOP!
PROJECT APPLE BLACK
!
I SEE YOU BOTH LEAVE ME NO CHOICE.
HOW UNFORTUNATE.

THAA!
I THINK IT'S TIME WE ALL ...
THAA!
WAKE UP.

HUFF!
HUFF!
HUFF!
HUFF!

WAKE UP!
YOU DON'T WANT TO BE LATE ON YOUR FIRST DAY, DO YOU?
I'LL BE WAITING OUTSIDE.
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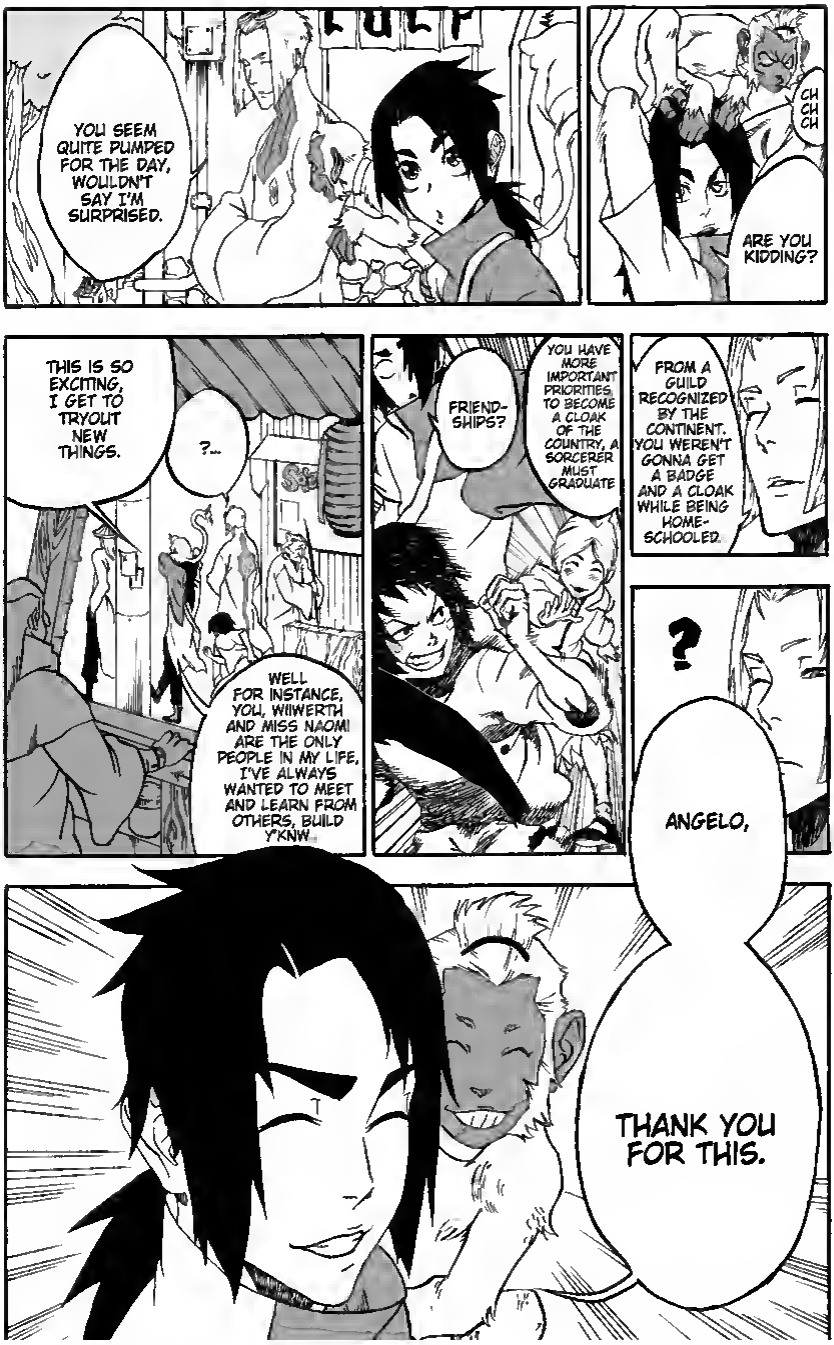
chik
WEARS
NOM, NOM, NOM :)
WIIWERTH!!
WHAT DID I TELL YOU ABOUT EATING LEFTOVERS?!
YOU'LL GET REALLY BAD GAS!
OKAY ANGELO! I'M READY TO GO!
ALSO, FORGET ABOUT BREAKFAST FOR NOW, YOU'LL EAT AT THE GUILD'S CAFETERIA.
I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU SO ENTHUSED, SANO

IT MAKES SENSE ...
LIVING ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE COUNTRY, ISOLATED YOUR WHOLE LIFE.
YOU'VE PROBABLY BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS FOR A LONG TIME.
WELCOME TO BLACK BOTTOM ISLAND, ONE OF THE SIX COUNTRIES THAT MAKE UP THE EDEN CONTINENT.
WHAT DO YOU GUYS THINK SO FAR?
IT'S AMAZING!


YOU SEEM QUITE PUMPED FOR THE DAY, WOULDN'T SAY I'M SURPRISED.
CH CH CH
ARE YOU KIDDING?
THIS IS SO EXCITING, I GET TO TRYOUT NEW THINGS.
?...
WELL FOR INSTANCE, YOU, WIIWERTH AND MISS NAOMI ARE THE ONLY PEOPLE IN MY LIFE, I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO MEET AND LEARN FROM OTHERS, BUILD Y'KNW.
FRIEND-SHIPS?
YOU HAVE MORE IMPORTANT PRIORITIES. TO BECOME A CLOAK OF THE COUNTRY, A SORCERER MUST GRADUATE
FROM A GUILD RECOGNIZED BY THE CONTINENT. YOU WEREN'T GONNA GET A BADGE AND A CLOAK WHILE BEING HOME-SCHOOLED.
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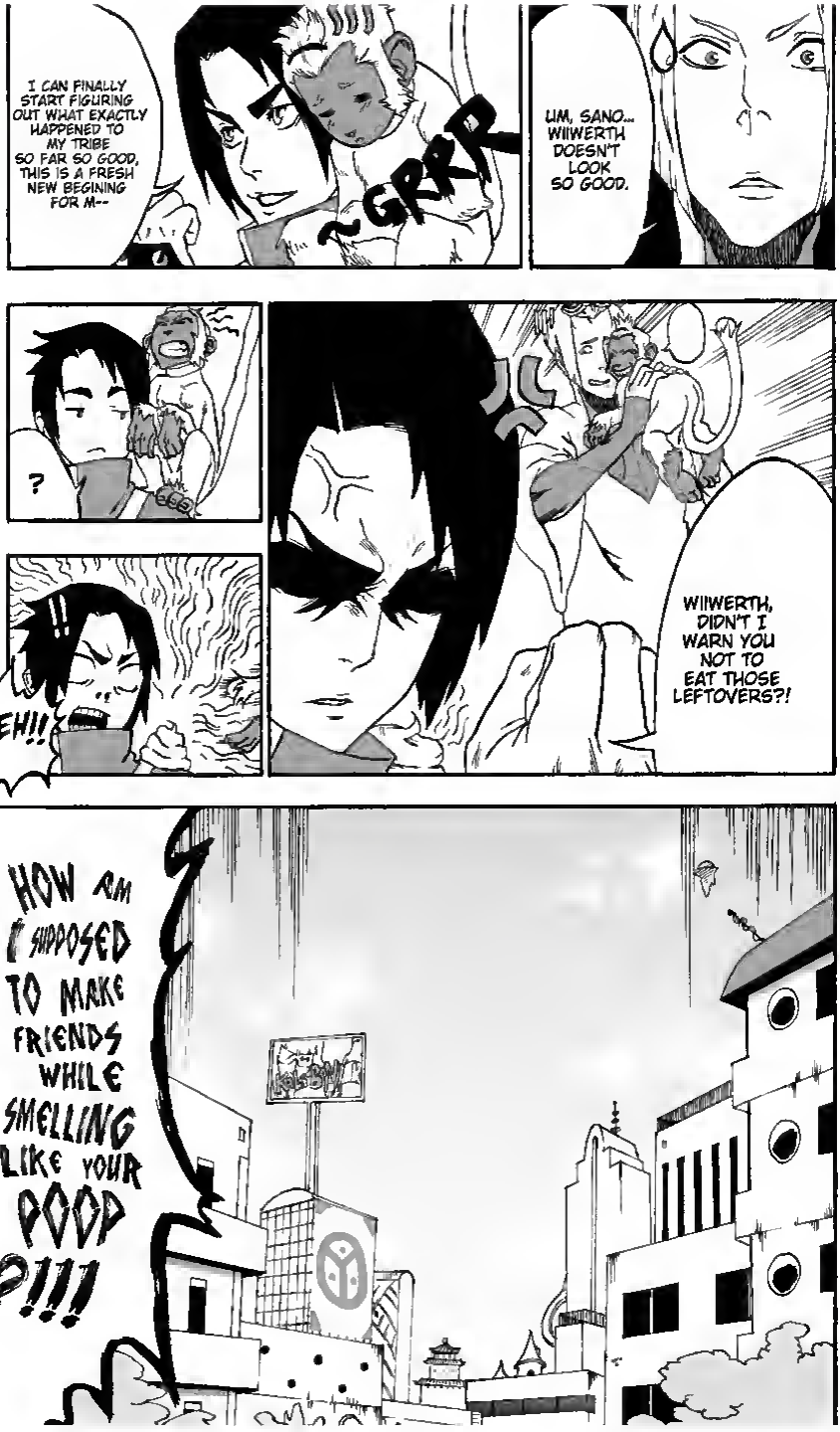
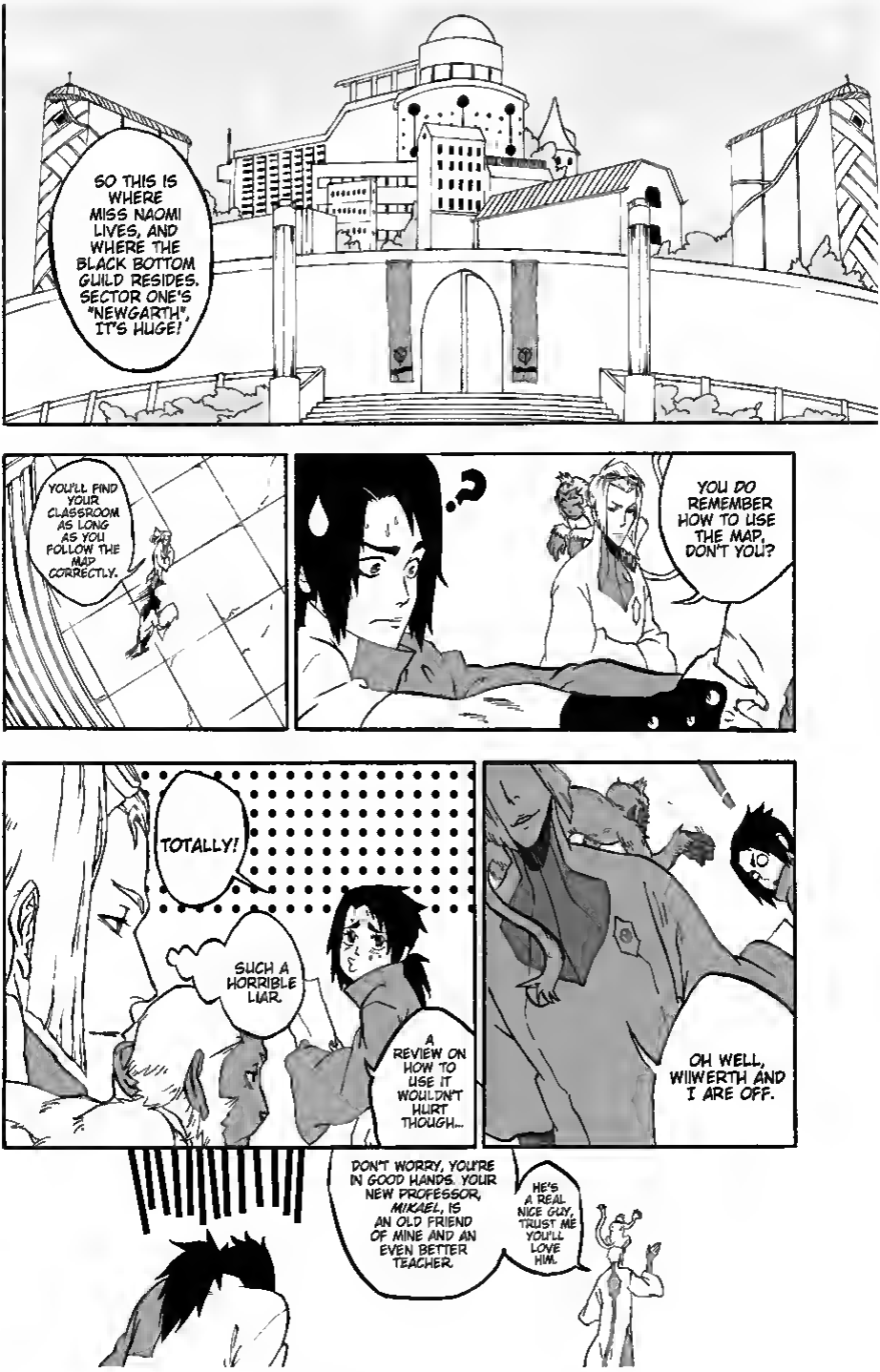
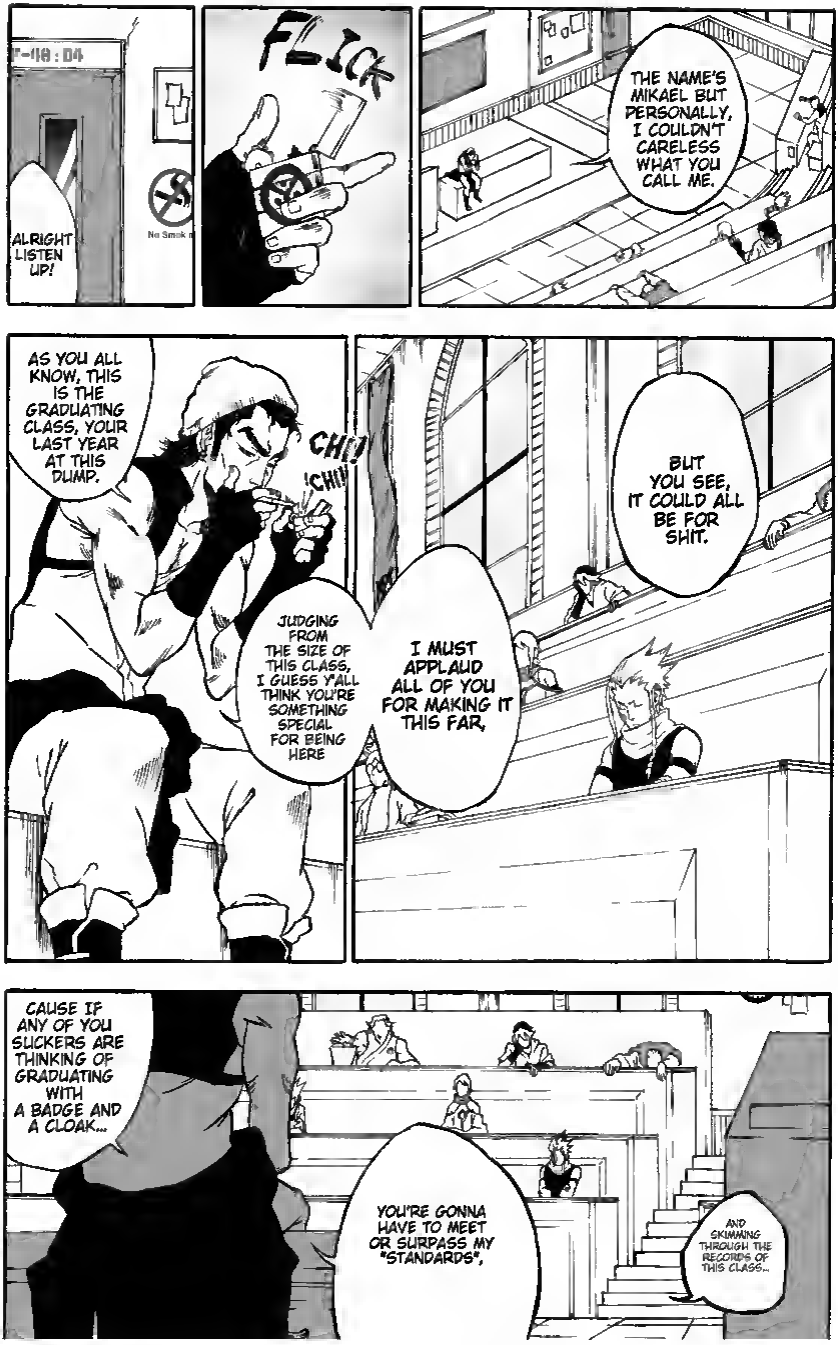
ANGELO,
THANK YOU FOR THIS.


I CAN FINALLY START FIGURING OUT WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENED TO MY TRIBE
SO FAR SO GOOD, THIS IS A FRESH NEW BEGINING FOR M--
~GRRR
UM, SANO... WIIWERTH DOESN'T LOOK SO GOOD.
?
WIIWERTH, DIDN'T I WARN YOU NOT TO EAT THOSE LEFTOVERS?!
!!
EH!!
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO MAKE FRIENDS WHILE SMELLING LIKE YOUR POOP ?!!!

BOOM
NOW THIS IS JUST PATHETIC.
THEY'RE ALL DUMBER THAT I THOUGHT, HEH.
HA
HA
HA
THE COUNTRY PUT FLOWER BOY AND BAD HAIR-CUT IN CHARGE OF GATE TWO?
HA
HA
WEAK SPELLS, AWFUL POTIONS, TERRIBLE SORCERY AL-TOGETHER.
YOU'RE A FOOL TO THINK YOU COULD GET INTO THE COUNTRY ALONE AND UNNOTICED! OUR DEFENSE SYSTEMS HAVE DETECTED YOU AND ALERTED THE MAIN HEAD-QUARTERS
HOW POINTLESS.
YOU CAN'T HIDE EITHER, YOUR CLOAK AND THE FLAG HANGING FROM YOUR BELT IS A DEAD GIVEAWAY!... YOU'RE GENERAL GRUDON FATTIMUNGA OF THE BANBURI REBELS!!
EVEN IF YOU DEFEAT US, WE HAVE STRONGER CLOAKED SORCERERS, LORDS AND DARKS LORDS WHOM YOU ARE NO MATCH FOR!

AS FOR US... WE WILL HOLD YOU OFF FOR AS LONG AS WE CAN !!!!
HEH... LIKE I SAID, HOW POINTLESS.


SO THIS IS WHERE MISS NAOMI LIVES, AND WHERE THE BLACK BOTTOM GUILD RESIDES. SECTOR ONE'S "NEWGARTH", IT'S HUGE!
YOU'LL FIND YOUR CLASSROOM AS LONG AS YOU FOLLOW THE MAP CORRECTLY.
YOU DO REMEMBER HOW TO USE THE MAP, DON'T YOU?
TOTALLY!
SUCH A HORRIBLE LIAR.
A REVIEW ON HOW TO USE IT WOULDN'T HURT THOUGH...
OH WELL, WIIWERTH AND I ARE OFF.
DON'T WORRY, YOU'RE IN GOOD HANDS. YOUR NEW PROFESSOR, MIKAEL, IS AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE AND AN EVEN BETTER TEACHER.
HE'S A REAL NICE GUY, TRUST ME YOU'LL LOVE HIM.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ALRIGHT LISTEN UP!
No Smok
FLICK
THE NAME'S MIKAEL BUT PERSONALLY, I COULDN'T CARELESS WHAT YOU CALL ME.
AS YOU ALL KNOW, THIS IS THE GRADUATING CLASS, YOUR LAST YEAR AT THIS DUMP.
CH(!)
CHI!
JUDGING FROM THE SIZE OF THIS CLASS, I GUESS Y'ALL THINK YOU'RE SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR BEING HERE
I MUST APPLAUD ALL OF YOU FOR MAKING IT THIS FAR,
BUT YOU SEE, IT COULD ALL BE FOR SHIT.
CAUSE IF ANY OF YOU SUCKERS ARE THINKING OF GRADUATING WITH A BADGE AND A CLOAK...
YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO MEET OR SURPASS MY "STANDARDS",
AND SKIMMING THROUGH THE RECORDS OF THIS CLASS...

AT THIS RATE ...
NONE OF YOU WILL GRADUATE.
ESPECIALLY YOU TWO--
CLASS, WHERE ARE THE TWO GOOFBALLS?

OKAY, LETS SEE ... ROOM F48. CLASS D4
AWW BLOAK! THIS MAP IS REALLY CONFUSING! NEWGARTH IS REALLY HUGE!
D12
I'M GONNA BE LATE FOR SURE.
DANG IT!
DANG IT
KEEP OUT
AWW DANG IT!
THIS IS THE FREAKING ENTRANCE! DANG IT!!
I COULD USE A FRIEND RIGHT NOW, IF I HAD ANY, I WON'T EVEN BE IN THIS MESS.

HUH? MAYBE I CAN ASK HIM?
OH HEY THERE, I'M A LITTLE LOST.
MAYBE YOU COULD SHOW ME AROUND OR SOMETHING? MY NAME IS SANO, WHAT'S YOUR NAM--
WHAT... WAS THAT FOR?
DIDN'T KNOW THE TRINITY SMELLED LIKE SHIT!
AND DODGED LIKE ONE TOO.
SNIFF!!
SNIFF!!

DON'T DISA-PPOINT ME MAN!!
!!
BO
OM!!
HOW DID YOU GET DOWN THERE SO QUICK?! DIDN'T EVEN SEE YOU JUMP AT LEAST YOU'RE NOT TOTAL SHIT AT RUNNING AWAY!!
I NEED TO GET OUTT HERE, THIS DUDE'S LUNATIC!!
BUT I'M NOT SHIT AT CHASING EITHER !!!

BRRR
BOOM
WHERE THE HELL DID HE GO?!
?
?
?
PHEW!
HUH?
MY, HE'S ONE CRAZY REDHEAD NOW ISN'T HE?
EH?!

IT'S A REALLY GOOD BOOK, THE NAME'S SYMON.
WHY IN THE WORLD IS YOUR NOSE BLEEDING? !!!
MY MY,
YOU DO SMELL LIKE FAECES.
STUPID WIIWERTH.
YOU MUST BE TAMASHII SANO,
BLESSED WITH THE ARM OF ARODIHS TO BRING PEACE, HARMONY AND ALL THAT GOOD STUFF
DON'T WORRY, UNLIKE MOST FOLK, I ACTUALLY BELIEVE IN THE RUMORS
AFTER ALL,
EDEN'S BEEN STRICKEN BY COUNTLESS WARS, THE EXTINCTION OF PAST TRIBES, THE THINGS WE LOVE, ETCETERA.
HONESTLY, THERE ISN'T MUCH TO BELIEVE IN AROUND HERE.
BESIDES, I JUST SAW YOU PURPOSELY STAND STILL TO GET HIT IN THE FACE.
THIS GUY ...
COME OUT AND FIGHT! YOU LITTLE TWERP !!!
SCARY !! ..

THAT'S RYUZAKI, I APOLOGIZE ON HIS BEHALF FOR HIS BEHAVIOR.
THIS IS JUST HIS WAY OF MAKING FRIENDS, TRYING TO KILL THEM.
I AM GONNA RIP THIS PUNK APART!!
SCARY FELLA, JUST TESTING ONES SKILL I GUESS.
I KNOW, THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T DODGE.
THIS MIGHT SOUND WEIRD COMING FROM SOMEONE WHOSE BEEN ISOLATED THEIR WHOLE LIFE...
BUT SYMON YOUR FACIAL EXPRESSION, THAT SMILE AND THOSE EYE LASHES BAFFLE ME I DON'T THINK YOU EVEN NEED THOSE GLASSES.
AT LEAST, I UNDERSTAND RYUZAKI'S MOTIVES BUT YOU...
MY, WHAT IN MERLIN'S NAME ARE YOU RAMBLING ON ABOUT?
YOU SCARE ME WAY MORE THAN RYUZAKI.
OH REALLY? I HAD NO IDEA.

I COULD BE WRONG I GUESS.. HEHE
THERE YOU ARE!!
WHAT'S THE MATTER TWERP? YOU LOOK PALE!!
Oi!
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON HERE?!
PROF-ESSOR MIKAEL !!
YOU GOOFBALLS GOT A LOT OF EXPLAINING TO DO!

WHO WANTS TO GO FIRST?!
HE DID IT.
I CAN SENSE YOUR IMPULSE ALL OVER THE PLACE, YOU LITTLE SHIT!!! YOU ALL JUST BOUGHT YOURSELVES DETENTION!
YIKES!
YOU TOO FOUR-EYES!
RYUZAKI ?!!

YOU MUST BE THE NEW KID ANGELO WANTS ME TO BABYSIT HUH...
DETENTION ON THE FIRST DAY? YOU'RE NOT GONNA BE A PROBLEM NOW, ARE YA?
N-NO SIR!
BETTER NOT I'M NOT EVEN GONNA ASK WHY YOU SMELL LIKE SHIT.

NOW GET YOUR ASSES TO CLASS B'FORE I USE YOU ALL AS ASHTRAYS!

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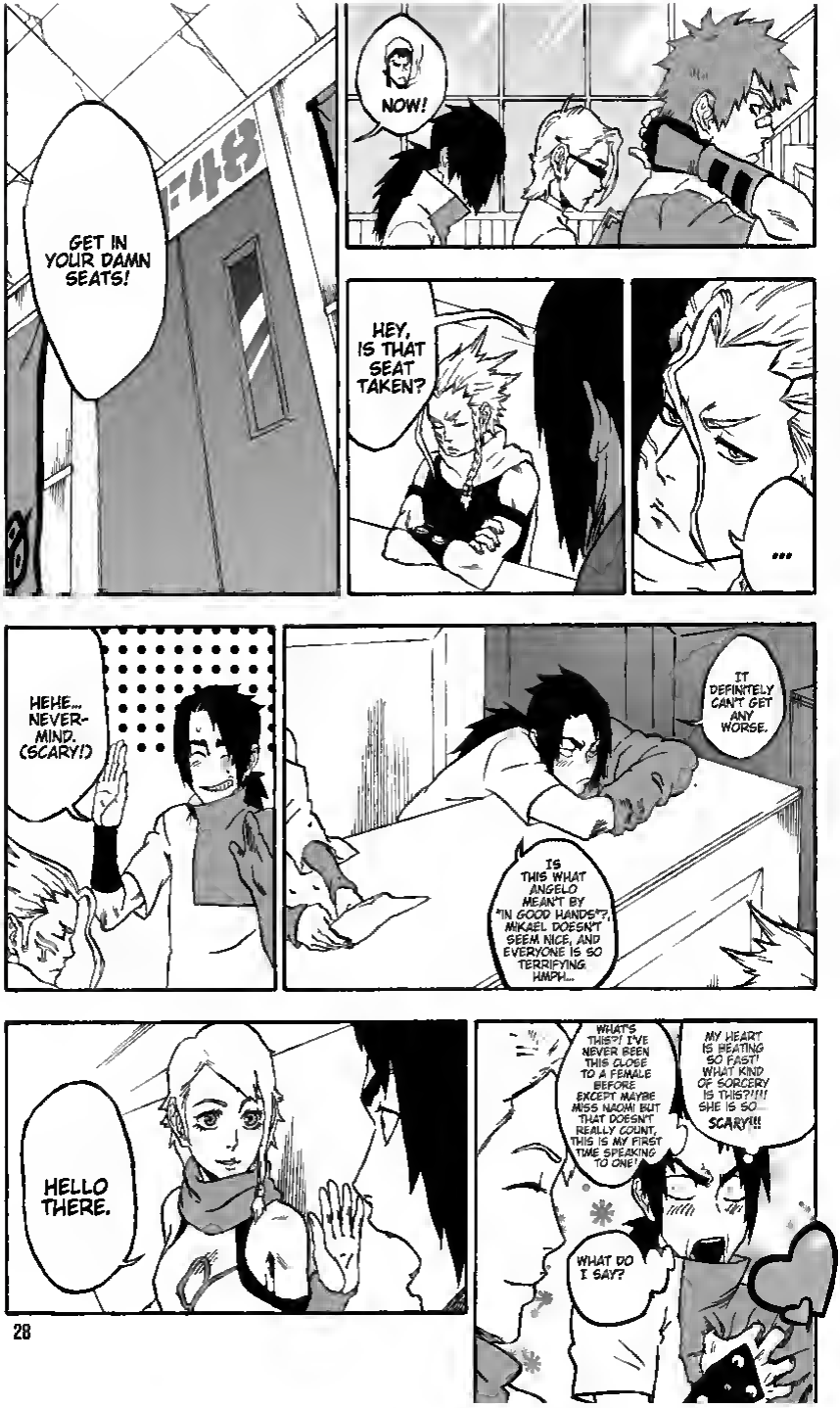
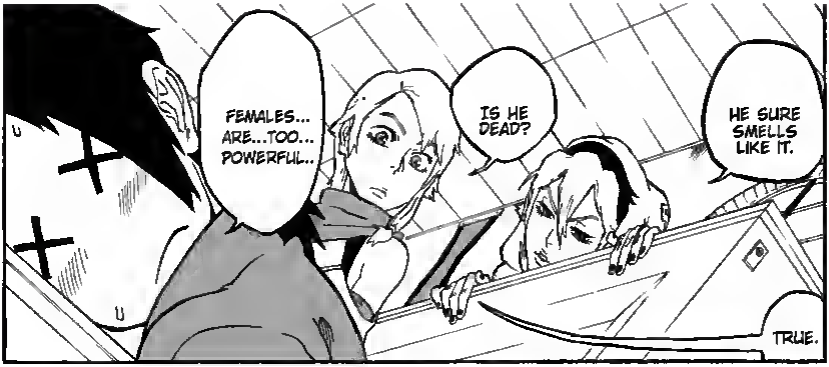
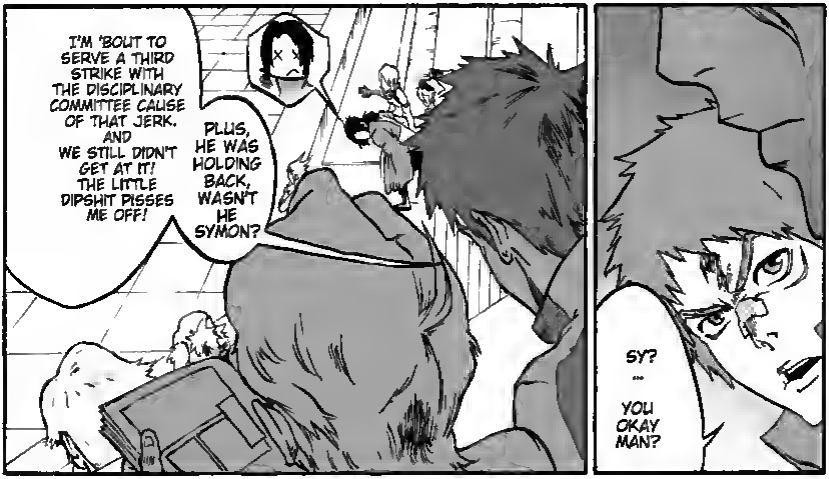
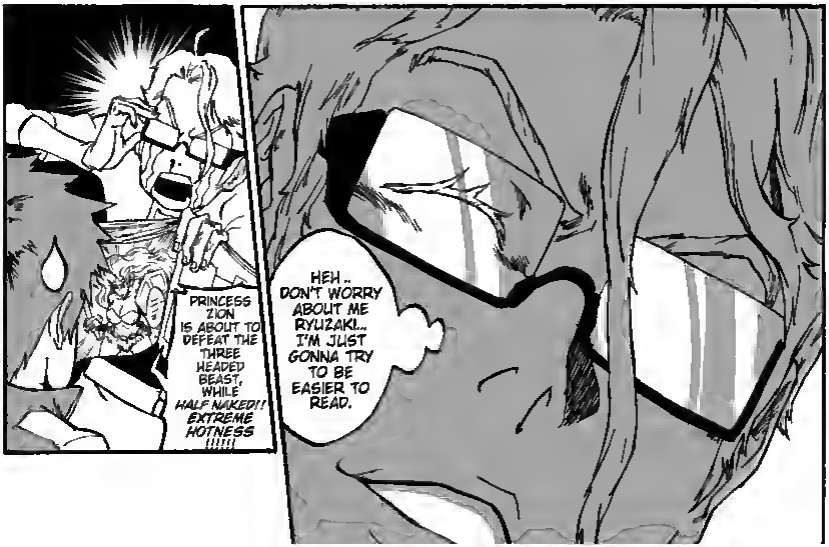
STILL KINDA DON'T KNOW WHERE CLASS IS..

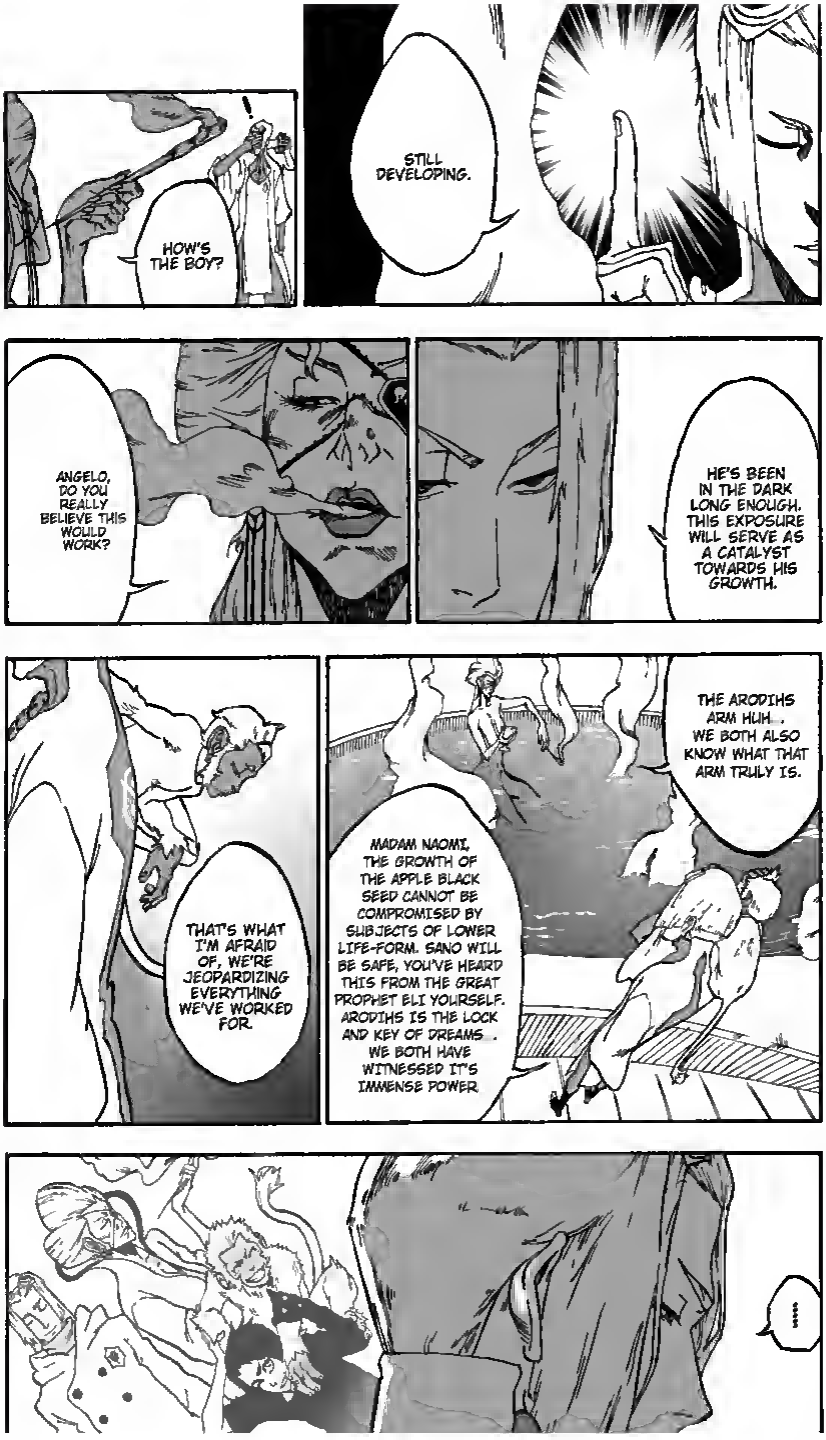

GET IN YOUR DAMN SEATS!
NOW!
HEY, IS THAT SEAT TAKEN?
...
HEHE... NEVER-MIND. (SCARY!)
IT DEFINITELY CAN'T GET ANY WORSE.
IS THIS WHAT ANGELO MEAN'T BY "IN GOOD HANDS"?, MIKAEL DOESN'T SEEM NICE, AND EVERYONE IS SO TERRIFYING. HMPH...
HELLO THERE.
WHAT'S THIS?! I'VE NEVER BEEN THIS CLOSE TO A FEMALE BEFORE EXCEPT MAYBE MISS NAOMI BUT THAT DOESN'T REALLY COUNT, THIS IS MY FIRST TIME SPEAKING TO ONE!
MY HEART IS BEATING SO FAST! WHAT KIND OF SORCERY IS THIS?!!! SHE IS SO... SCARY!!!
WHAT DO I SAY?


FEMALES... ARE...TOO... POWERFUL..
IS HE DEAD?
HE SURE SMELLS LIKE IT.
TRUE.


I'M 'BOUT TO SERVE A THIRD STRIKE WITH THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE CAUSE OF THAT JERK. AND WE STILL DIDN'T GET AT IT! THE LITTLE DIPSHIT PISSES ME OFF!
PLUS, HE WAS HOLDING BACK, WASN'T HE SYMON?
SY? ... YOU OKAY MAN?


PRINCESS ZION IS ABOUT TO DEFEAT THE THREE HEADED BEAST, WHILE HALF NAKED!! EXTREME HOTNESS !!!!!!
HEH.. DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME RYUZAKI.. I'M JUST GONNA TRY TO BE EASIER TO READ.

MOKON-BOY!! OH, I'VE MISSED YOU! KYAA!
RRRR... WANNA JOIN ME?
MADAM NAOMI PLEASE PUT ON SOME CLOTHES.
YOU DIDN'T ANSWER ME, MOKON-BOY.
PLEASE, STOP CALLING ME THAT. LISTEN, WE HAVE A PROBLEM.
C'MON! IV'E BEEN STRESSED LATELY, WITH THE EDEN GOVERNMENT ON OUR ASSES ABOUT OUR DEFENSE SYSTEMS...
I JUST NEED A LIL' ASSISTANCE FROM YA.
YOU ARE MY SUBOR-DINATE, AFTER ALL.
THERE'S BEEN A BREACH IN SECURITY.
NOT JUST IN BLACK BOTTOM ISLAND, BUT RIGHT HERE IN NEWGARTH. IT'S GRUDON FATTIMUNGA OF THE BANBURI PIRATES. HE SEEMS TO BE ALONE.
HE WOULD BE STUPID TO THINK THAT HE COULD BYPASS OUR SYSTEMS THAT EASILY.
I'LL NOTIFY THE OTHER LORDS AND DARK LORDS ALONG WITH THEIR FELLOWSHIPS,
BUT FOR THE MOST PART, MIKAEL AND I WILL TAKE IT FROM HERE.

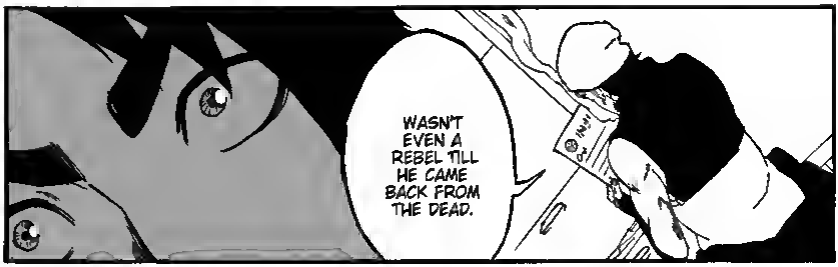

HOW'S THE BOY?
STILL DEVELOPING.
ANGELO, DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THIS WOULD WORK?
HE'S BEEN IN THE DARK LONG ENOUGH. THIS EXPOSURE WILL SERVE AS A CATALYST TOWARDS HIS GROWTH.
THAT'S WHAT I'M AFRAID OF, WE'RE JEOPARDIZING EVERYTHING WE'VE WORKED FOR.
MADAM NAOMI, THE GROWTH OF THE APPLE BLACK SEED CANNOT BE COMPROMISED BY SUBJECTS OF LOWER LIFE-FORM. SANO WILL BE SAFE, YOU'VE HEARD THIS FROM THE GREAT PROPHET ELI YOURSELF. ARODIHS IS THE LOCK AND KEY OF DREAMS . WE BOTH HAVE WITNESSED IT'S IMMENSE POWER
THE ARODIHS ARM HUH. . WE BOTH ALSO KNOW WHAT THAT ARM TRULY IS.
....

YOU SEEM TO HAVE GROWN FOND OF SANO. CAN'T SAY I BLAME YA, HE'S A GOOD KID. I'D BE LYING IF I'D SAID I WASN'T HAPPY FOR HIM.
BUT REMEMBER, AS ALWAYS IT'S ON OUR HEADS NOW.
I'M COUNTING ON YOU TO KEEP THIS BETWEEN US
OF COURSE, AFTER ALL, IGNORANCE IS BLISS, ISN'T IT? MADAM NAOMI.
MOKON-BOY AREN'T YOU FORGETTING SOMETHING?
YOU STILL HAVEN'T ANSWERED MY QUESTION.
STILL WANNA JOIN ME?
OH, MY, MERLIN, THIS IS SEXUAL HARRASS-MENT.

STAY PUT KID, NEED TO FIND YOU A DORM.
HEH, I DON'T MEAN TO BE A PAIN, BUT I ONCE READ THAT SMOKING CIGARETTES ARE KINDA BAD FOR YOU.

YEAH WELL, SECOND HAND SMOKING IS EVEN WORSE.
!!
WANTED
DEAD OR ALIVE
GIDEON BANBURI!

SANO: ACCORDING TO MY MERLIN HISTORY BOOKS. GIDEON BANBURI DIED AT THE EBONY PEAK WAR, 15 YEARS AGO. WHY IS THERE STILL A BOUNTY ON HIS HEAD?
WANTED
DEAD OR
GIDEON BANBURI
¥549,000
MIKAEL: OLD NEWS KID, THEY SAY HE MYSTERIOUSLY CAME BACK FROM THE DEAD. NOW KNOWN AS THE KING OF REBELS. HE'S IN CONTROL OF ALL *REBEL* ACTIVITY IN ALL OF EDEN.


WASN'T EVEN A REBEL TILL HE CAME BACK FROM THE DEAD.

I GUESS ALL THE OTHER REBELS WERE TOO WHUSS TO GO AGAINST A FORMER DARK LORD OF EDEN'S FLAIRY CROCKET, WHO NOW HAPPENS TO BE A ZOMBIE

IS IT TRUE?

IS IT TRUE THAT MY FATHER, WAS THE ONE WHO DEFEATED GIDEON AT EBONY PEAK?

WHERE DID YOU HEAR THAT?!
SO, IT IS TRUE!

WHAT?! DIDN'T SAY THAT!
SORRY I CAN KINDA READ EXPRESSIONS REALLY WELL I THINK

IF HE ENCOUNTERED MY FATHER AT EBONY PEAK, MAYBE I COULD LEARN A LITTLE MORE ABOUT MY FATHER'S DEATH FROM HIM. RETURNING FROM THE DEAD MAKES NO SENSE,
AND FROM WHAT I HEARD ABOUT MY FATHER FROM ANGELO, BANBURI SHOULDN'T BE ALIVE.
SO WHAT ARE YA GONNA DO HUH?
HE'S WORTH OVER 500,000,000 KARITTS, GIDEON'S NOT JUST HANGIN' AROUND IF YOU CATCH MY DRIFT

I CAN'T JUST GIVE UP.
LISTEN TO YOURSELF, PERSONALLY I BLAME THE COUNTRY AND ITS DUMB SUPER-STITIONS
AVOIDING THE REAL PROBLEMS AND BURDENING ANYTHING THEY CAN GET THEIR HANDS ON. TRUST ME KID, KEEP THIS TRINITY GARBAGE YOU GOT GOING ON, AND YOU'LL BECOME THE COUNTRY'S ASHTRAY.
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU GONNA DO, "IF" YOU FIGURE IT ALL OUT?

DON'T YOU BELIEVE IN ELI'S PROPHECY?
YOU'RE THE FACE READER...
YOU TELL ME.

MIKAEL BAROUGH! YOU HAVE HEREBY BEEN SUMMONED!
BY THE HEAD DARK LORD IMMEDIATELY. NEMANJA FLOWER MESSENGER, OUT!
NAOMI? ... WHAT DOES THE OLD HAG WANT?
KID, DON'T MOVE TILL I GET BACK, GOT IT!
SLEEP HERE IF YOU HAVE TO!
SORRY KID,
SOMEONE HAD TO BRING YOU TO REALITY.

IT'S GETTING PRETTY LATE, WHERE IS HE?!
I WONDER WHAT'S GOING ON, PROFESSOR MIKAEL'S BEEN GONE AN AWFUL LONG TIME.
MIKAEL... I GUESS IT'S NOT EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO BELIEVE.
HUH?! AWW MAN, I HAVEN'T EATEN ANYTHING TODAY.
GRRR
MAYBE THE CAFETERIA WOULD STILL HAVE SOME LEFTOVERS.
PICKS
OKAY... LETS SEE, IT SAYS HERE THAT ITS GONNA BE... BUILDING K-12.

G-6
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NOT AGAIN. UH... WHICH WAY IS THE CAFETERIA AGAIN?
I'M HUNGWY
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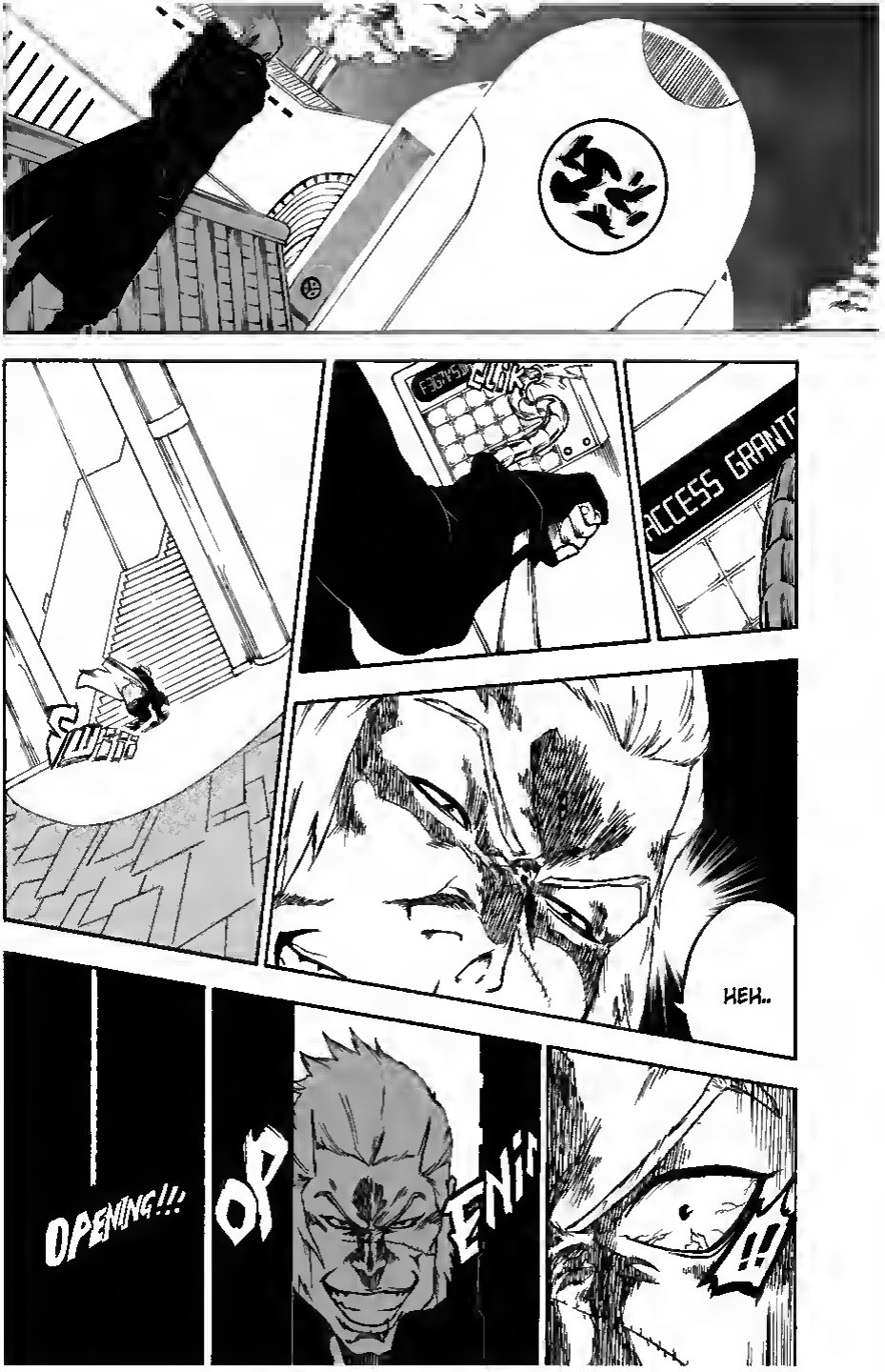
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HEH..
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!!

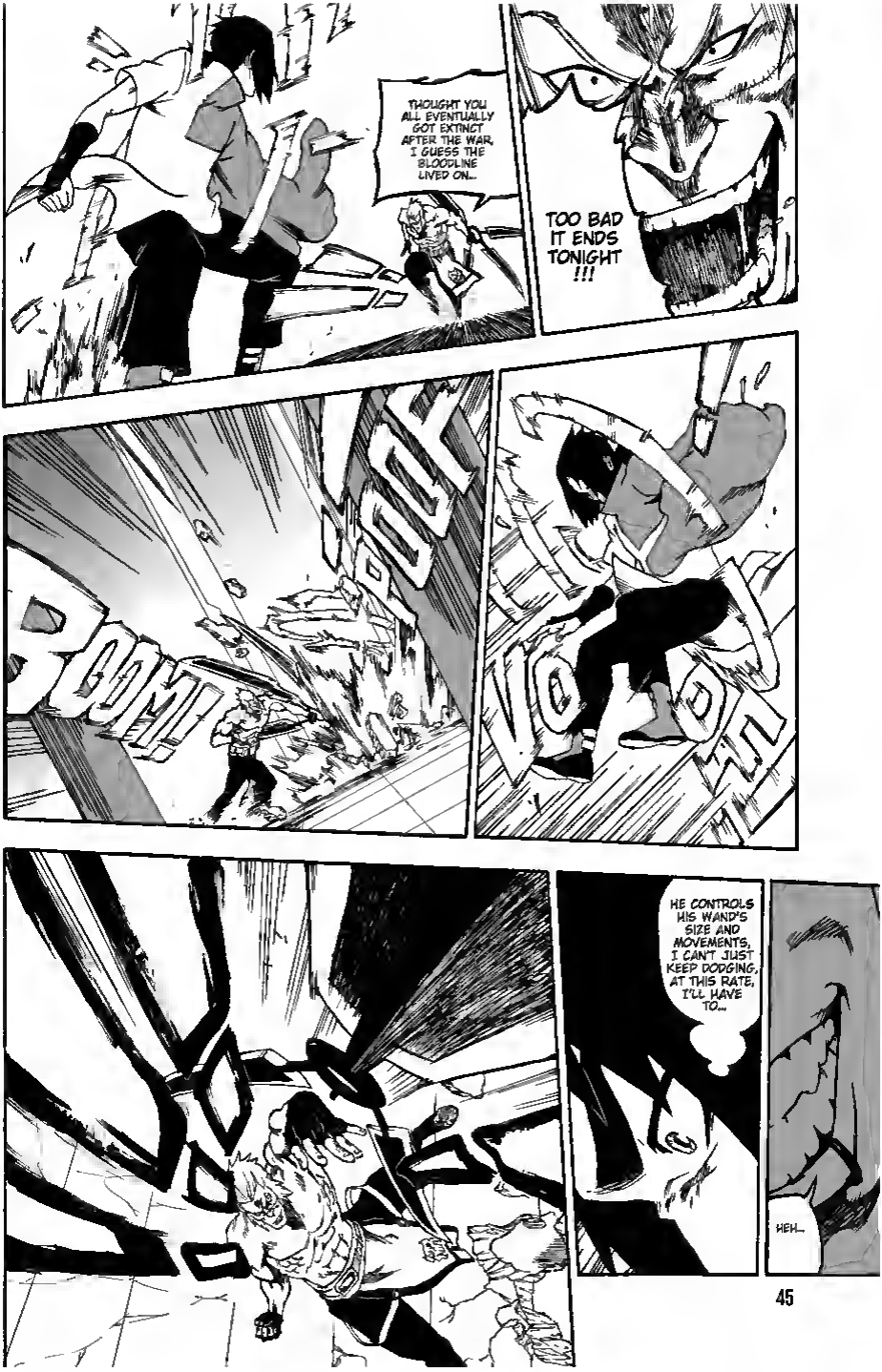
HELLO.
WHAT THE-
THE BUILDING IS SUPPOSED TO BE SEALED. HOW THE HELL DID YOU GET IN HERE BOY?!
WHO THE HELL'S THIS KID? THE GUARD?!
YOU PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE THAT COVERED.
I RECOGNIZE THAT FLAG, YOU'RE A BANBURI REBEL I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A FEW WORDS WITH YOUR CAPTAIN, MR. GIDEON, THAT'S ALL.
COULD YOU PLEASE TELL ME WHERE I COULD FIND HIM.
DEAD OR ALIVE
GIDEON BANBURI
YA! TOTALLY!
WHAT?! ARE YOU FOR REAL KID?! ARE YOU THE GUARD OF THIS JOINT OR WHAT?!
PLEASE, DON'T KILL ME, DON'T KILL ME, DON'T KILL ME, DON'T KILL ME, ...
THAT SETTLES IT THEN! BLACK BOTTOM ISLAND HAS THE WORST TASTE IN GUARDS!

NERONEZA!!
ENLARGE!!
SWIII!!
THIS WAND... IS ROTATING?!

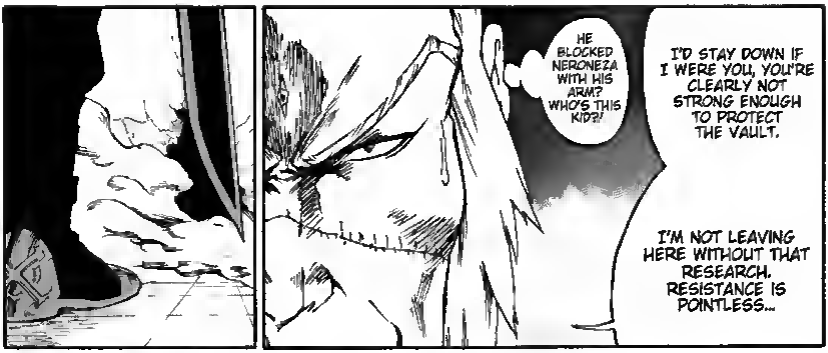
DODGE!!
GRABS!

!
HI HA HA HA !!

WOF!
DOOF
OOF
HUF
A TELE-PORTER HUH? THAT EXPLAINS HOW YOU GOT IN HERE.
HUF
YOU MUST BE FROM THE OLD TAMASHII TRIBE.
YOU ALL NEARED EXTINCTION AFTER THE EBONY PEAK WARS.
HUF
LEAD BY THE AL-MIGHTY WARLOCK "SERGO TAMASHII", BUT HE'S DEAD NOW ISN'T HE?


THOUGHT YOU ALL EVENTUALLY GOT EXTINCT AFTER THE WAR, I GUESS THE BLOODLINE LIVED ON...
TOO BAD IT ENDS TONIGHT !!!
BOOM
HE CONTROLS HIS WAND'S SIZE AND MOVEMENTS, I CAN'T JUST KEEP DODGING, AT THIS RATE, I'LL HAVE TO...
HEH...

WAIT A MINUTE!
... HERE'S THE FOURTH BLADE OF HIS WAND?!
!!
HOLD STILL!!
HE CAN DETACH BLADES FROM HIS WAND ALSO?!
BOOM
BOOM


HE BLOCKED NERONEZA WITH HIS ARM? WHO'S THIS KID?!
I'D STAY DOWN IF I WERE YOU, YOU'RE CLEARLY NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO PROTECT THE VAULT.
I'M NOT LEAVING HERE WITHOUT THAT RESEARCH. RESISTANCE IS POINTLESS...

WITH THE POWER OF THE APPLE BLACK, CAPTAIN BANBURI WILL SHOW US *REJECTS* OF THIS STRICKEN WORLD THE LIGHT.
CAUTION
THOSE OF US CAST AWAY. NOWHERE TO GO, ALL DUE TO THE AFTERMATH OF THE EBONY PEAK WAR.
MY TRIBE AND OTHERS, EVEN YOURS ARE EITHER EXTINCT OR AT THE BRINK OF EXTINCTION, AND THEN EDEN'S DUMB REGIME THINK THEY CAN DECLARE FALSE PRETENTIOUS PEACE THROUGH SHEETS OF PAPER?!, WHATA LOAD OF HORSE SHIT! THE WAR IS FAR FROM OVER AND VENGEANCE WILL BE OURS.

REVENGE ON ONE END ONLY LEADS TO REVENGE ON THE OTHER, INFINITE.
NO ONE WILL EVER BE FREE PERSONALLY. I THINK VENGEANCE IS *POINTLESS.*
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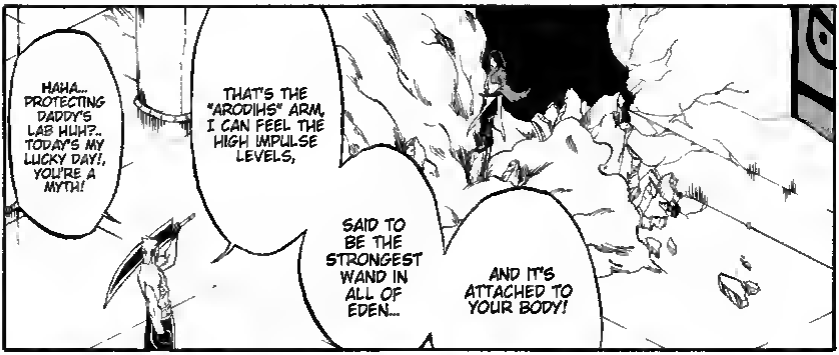
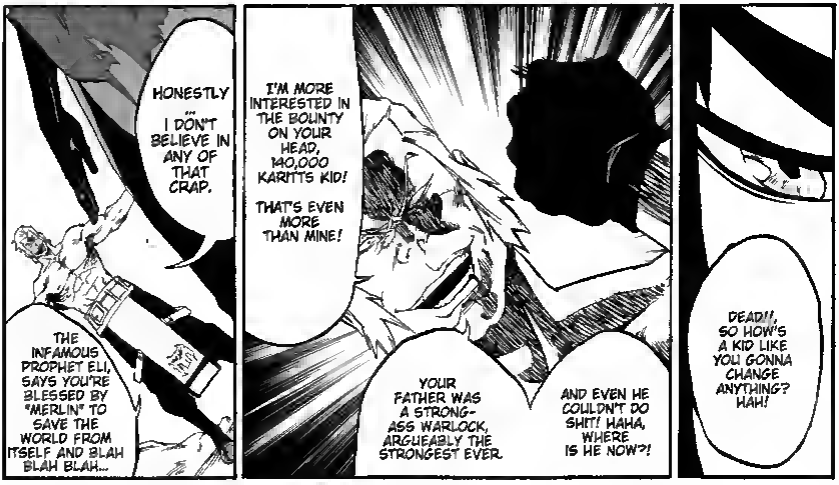
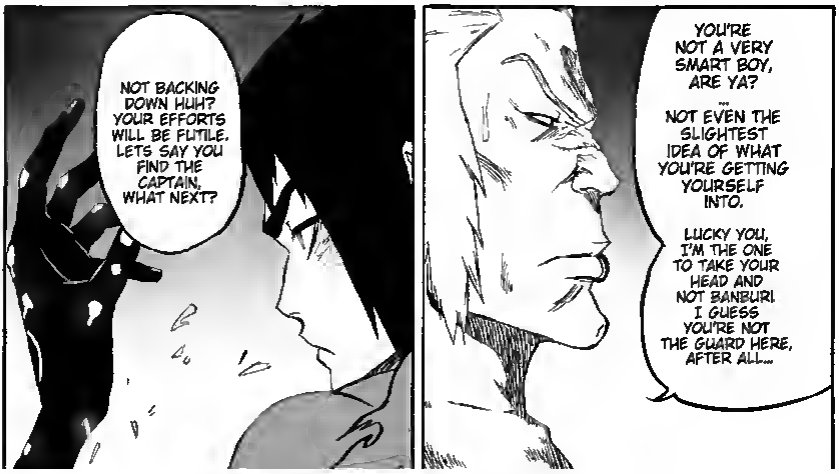
THAT ARM!! ...
YOU'RE THE TRINITY!!

I'M AFRAID WE HAVE AN UNINVITED GUEST IN THERE RUINING THE PLAN. WEIRD. OUR SYSTEMS ARE PICKING UP TWO MORE CLOAKS BESIDES YOU AND FATTINUNGA.
TWO MORE? THOUGHT FATTINUNGA WAS ACTING ALONE
AND NOW THERE'S SOME OTHER JERK IN THERE? WHAT A PAIN
SEEMS LIKE THEIR FIGHTING EACHOTHER. HOLD ON. I'M GETTING A CLOSER FEED ON OUR GUEST
SPIT IT OUT.
IT CAN'T BE ...
IT'S SANO?!

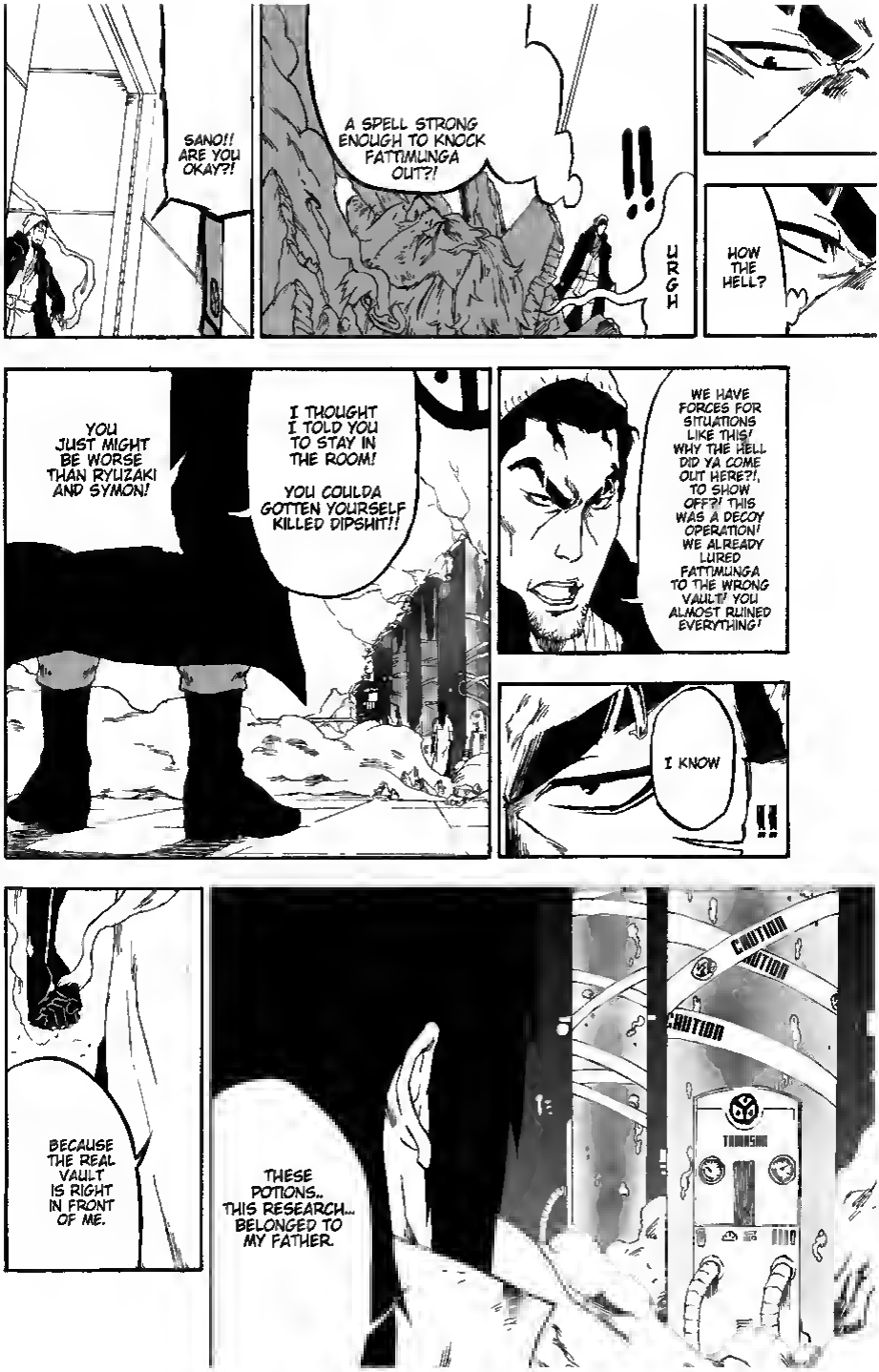

HAHA... PROTECTING DADDY'S LAB HUH?.. TODAY'S MY LUCKY DAY!, YOU'RE A MYTH!
THAT'S THE "ARODIHS" ARM, I CAN FEEL THE HIGH IMPULSE LEVELS,
SAID TO BE THE STRONGEST WAND IN ALL OF EDEN...
AND IT'S ATTACHED TO YOUR BODY!


HONESTLY ... I DON'T BELIEVE IN ANY OF THAT CRAP.
THE INFAMOUS PROPHET ELI, SAYS YOU'RE BLESSED BY "MERLIN" TO SAVE THE WORLD FROM ITSELF AND BLAH BLAH BLAH...
I'M MORE INTERESTED IN THE BOUNTY ON YOUR HEAD, 140,000 KARITTS KID!
THAT'S EVEN MORE THAN MINE!
YOUR FATHER WAS A STRONG-ASS WARLOCK, ARGUEABLY THE STRONGEST EVER.
AND EVEN HE COULDN'T DO SHIT! HAHA, WHERE IS HE NOW?!
DEAD!, SO HOW'S A KID LIKE YOU GONNA CHANGE ANYTHING? HAH!


NOT BACKING DOWN HUH? YOUR EFFORTS WILL BE FUTILE. LETS SAY YOU FIND THE CAPTAIN, WHAT NEXT?
YOU'RE NOT A VERY SMART BOY, ARE YA? ... NOT EVEN THE SLIGHTEST IDEA OF WHAT YOU'RE GETTING YOURSELF INTO. LUCKY YOU, I'M THE ONE TO TAKE YOUR HEAD AND NOT BANBURI I GUESS YOU'RE NOT THE GUARD HERE, AFTER ALL...

YOU'RE JUST A FOOL!!
...
HOW POINT-
-LESS?

AAAAAAARGH !!!
HOLY GHOST RIPPLE !!!
IRRRR!


SANO!! ARE YOU OKAY?!
A SPELL STRONG ENOUGH TO KNOCK FATTIMUNGA OUT?!
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URGH
HOW THE HELL?
YOU JUST MIGHT BE WORSE THAN RYUZAKI AND SYMON!
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO STAY IN THE ROOM!
YOU COULDA GOTTEN YOURSELF KILLED DIPSHIT!!
WE HAVE FORCES FOR SITUATIONS LIKE THIS! WHY THE HELL DID YA COME OUT HERE?!, TO SHOW OFF?! THIS WAS A DECOY OPERATION! WE ALREADY LURED FATTIMUNGA TO THE WRONG VAULT! YOU ALMOST RUINED EVERYTHING!
I KNOW
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BECAUSE THE REAL VAULT IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME.
THESE POTIONS.. THIS RESEARCH... BELONGED TO MY FATHER.
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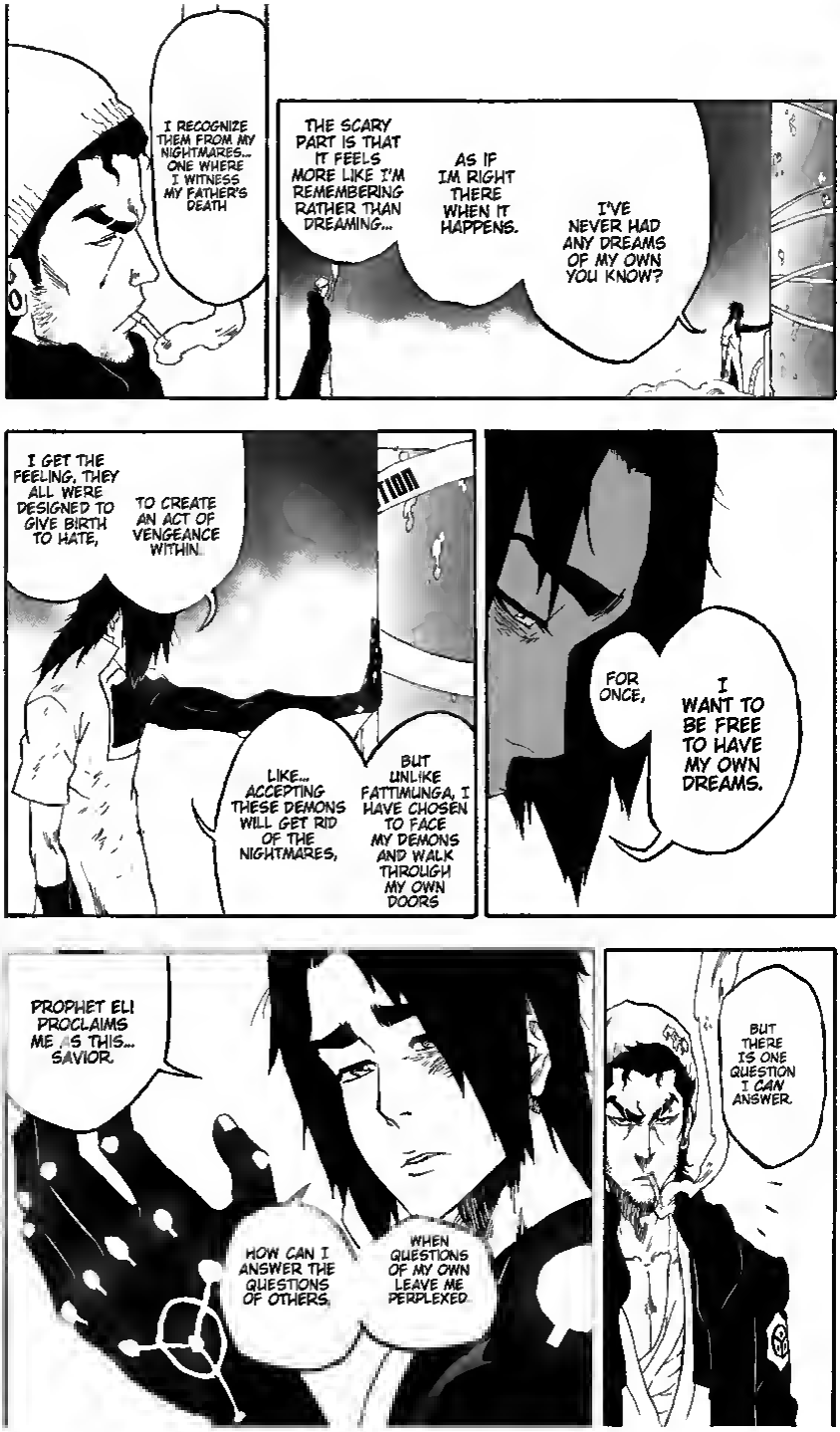
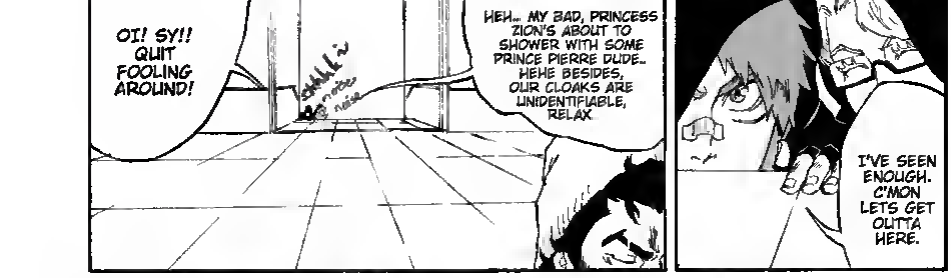
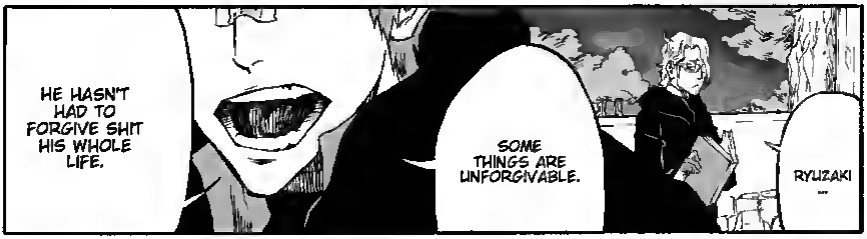

I RECOGNIZE THEM FROM MY NIGHTMARES... ONE WHERE I WITNESS MY FATHER'S DEATH
THE SCARY PART IS THAT IT FEELS MORE LIKE I'M REMEMBERING RATHER THAN DREAMING...
AS IF IM RIGHT THERE WHEN IT HAPPENS.
I'VE NEVER HAD ANY DREAMS OF MY OWN YOU KNOW?
I GET THE FEELING, THEY ALL WERE DESIGNED TO GIVE BIRTH TO HATE,
TO CREATE AN ACT OF VENGEANCE WITHIN.
LIKE... ACCEPTING THESE DEMONS WILL GET RID OF THE NIGHTMARES,
BUT UNLIKE FATTIMUNGA, I HAVE CHOSEN TO FACE MY DEMONS AND WALK THROUGH MY OWN DOORS
FOR ONCE,
I WANT TO BE FREE TO HAVE MY OWN DREAMS.
PROPHET EL! PROCLAIMS ME AS THIS... SAVIOR.
HOW CAN I ANSWER THE QUESTIONS OF OTHERS,
WHEN QUESTIONS OF MY OWN LEAVE ME PERPLEXED.
BUT THERE IS ONE QUESTION I CAN ANSWER.

MIKAEL...
I *DID* READ YOUR FACE EARLIER, YOU DO BELIEVE IN ME...
YOU JUST DON'T WANT TO, FOR MY SAFETY...
AND AS FOR WHAT I WOULD DO TO THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR MY FATHER'S DISAPPEARANCE?...
I'M GONNA FORGIVE, TO SET US ALL FREE.


OI! SY!! QUIT FOOLING AROUND!
HEH... MY BAD, PRINCESS ZION'S ABOUT TO SHOWER WITH SOME PRINCE PIERRE DUDE.. HEHE BESIDES, OUR CLOAKS ARE UNIDENTIFIABLE, RELAX
I'VE SEEN ENOUGH. C'MON LETS GET OUTTA HERE.

LATER...

HE'S WAY IN OVER HIS HEAD.
TRYING TO ACHEIVE FREEDOM THROUGH A FORGIVING HEART, HEHE... I THINK THE POOR GUY IS QUITE ADMIRABLE.
FORGIVENESS?! STUPIDEST THING I EVER HEARD!
SHUT UP! WHAT THE HELL DOES HE KNOW ABOUT FORGIVE-NESS.


HE HASN'T HAD TO FORGIVE SHIT HIS WHOLE LIFE.
SOME THINGS ARE UNFORGIVABLE.
RYUZAKI ...

C'MON WE GOTTA RETURN THESE DARN INVISIBLITY CLOAKS AND GET TO THE DORMS BEFORE ANYONE NOTICES. OR WE'RE IN DEEP SHIT.
HEH... THINGS JUST GOT REALLY INTERESTING FOR A CHANGE...
CLOSE!
I'M ACTUALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO DETENTION
TO BE CONTINUED!

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